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## NOTHING BUT A NAME

The News-Herald has been printing for the Republican state committee some alleged arguments in the form of political advertisements, almost all of which are directed against the Democratic candidates, and practically nothing is said in favor of the Republican candidates.

Some of it is pretty raw stuff.

Some of it is obviously unfair.

It is reasonable to assume that more of it is unfair if all the facts were candidly stated and taken into consideration.

Nothing, heretofore, has been said in these columns on the other side.

Readers of this paper are aware that its news space is seldom occupied with political matter.

But it is not fair to the readers that all the talk should be on one side. There is much to be said on the other side, and in justice some of it, at least, should be said.

Following are a few outstanding facts:

To begin with, the Republican party was originally organized to promote government by the people, for the people—to put in operation principles of government which would result in the greatest good to the greatest number.

The holding of political power as a sacred trust to be honestly and faithfully administered for the good of all the people is at the very foundation of Republicanism.

The so-called Republican party of New Mexico as now and for some years past organized and controlled, has not lived up to Republican principles.

It is not entitled to the Republican name.

It is merely an organized appetite for office and the emoluments and spoil thereof.

It is not entitled to the vote of any man who believes in Republican principles.

There are good men in it, of course; both as candidates in state and county and as voters in the ranks; some clinging to it from real or fancied self-interest, but more merely from tradition and association with the name, in spite of the fact that the spirit of Republicanism has long since passed from it.

The men who are now in control of this so-called Republican party in state and county have been in control of it for some years. They have directed its course and are responsible for what it has done and for what it has failed to do.

Here are a few things it has done:

It has made laws under which mining property—big mining property—is taxed on its output—in many cases a very small fraction of its real value, while the homesteader, the stockman, the merchant, the professional man and the laborer are taxed on every cent's worth of property they possess, whether productive or not. The whole taxation scheme is a jumble and for the most part places the heaviest burdens on the smaller taxpayers.

It has piled upon the taxpayers exorbitant salaries, in state, district and county.

In order to do this in the county salary matter it struck at the foundations of representative government by turning out of office four members elected to the legislature and seating in their places four men not elected by the voters, so that it would have a two-thirds majority to pass an exorbitant county salary bill over the governor's veto. This thing alone is sufficient to forever condemn the men responsible for it. No man who

had anything to do with this outrage should ever be entrusted with office, for by that act he has shown utter disregard of the principles of representative government and a cynical contempt for the interests of the taxpayers.

This county salary law is close to us, and every man knows of it and can judge of it. That is the only reason for going into it more specifically than a number of other things fully as bad.

Torrance county up to the present time has been in the third class of counties and the salary charges under this law for the four principal offices aggregate slightly above \$12,000.

This is an average for each office of \$3,000.

It is a well known fact that for each of these offices except that of sheriff, one person can and does perform the work with a very little help.

The sum of \$2,000 would be ample to pay for all necessary help in all of these offices, including that of sheriff.

This would leave for each of these officers who would do the work himself and hire only the help actually necessary, an average of between \$8 and \$9 per day for each working day of the year.

And be it remembered, six hours is counted a day in these offices ordinarily.

Mr. Taxpayer, what do you think of it?

Are you willing to vote to keep in power the men who have placed this burden on your back?

This is your work.

You are paying for it.

You delegated to other men by electing them to the legislature, the job of fixing the rate of wages for this work.

And they have done it.

How do you like the job?

If you delegated to a foreman the job of fixing pay for work you must hire done and he should attempt to hold you up at this rate, what would you do to him?

But the worst is yet to come.

We are told that the valuation returned for this year will place us in the second class of counties, with a resultant increase of salaries under this law of several hundred dollars all around.

A majority of the taxpayers of New Mexico are not rich.

They are not able to pay more than fair wages for the work they must hire done.

The so-called Republican party is forcing them to pay more than fair wages.

The men who draw these salaries are not to be blamed for taking the pay. Men usually take what they can get lawfully.

The men who made the law are responsible.

Having made two such laws as those mentioned, including the unseating of legally elected members of the legislature, it is unnecessary to point out that the so-called Republican party could have passed any law it pleased.

Its record, both of commission and omission is deliberate, with malice aforethought.

Pernicious laws could have been made beneficent had it so desired.

It could have made a number of needed laws, notably a modern election and ballot law, and a law giving the taxpayers the benefit of interest on the huge sums of public money piled up in the state, but chose not to do so.

These things are mentioned only by way of illustration, and are of a likeness with things done and undone, a mere catalogue of which would be too lengthy for this paper.

As a fitting climax the so-called Republican party of New Mexico, state, district and county, has the supreme effrontery to nominate for office a considerable number of the very men known to be responsible for these things, and for the benefit of some of whom the press of the state must be muzzled by libel suits and the threat of libel suits, expecting to cram them

down the throats of Republican voters.

The writer is a lifelong Republican, but disclaims party kinship with the men now dispensing alleged Republicanism in this state.

Republican voters should unite in burying them under such an avalanche of votes at the coming election that they will never again show their heads.

There is but one way to do this, and that is to elect the Democrats. For the most part the Democrats have nominated excellent men for office, and they are making good promises. If, in event of their election they should swell up and fail to redeem their pledges, it will be an easy matter to turn them out.

If the men responsible for the murder of Republicanism in this state and who are now brazenly masquerading in the garments of the deceased, are defeated as decisively as they deserve a week from next Tuesday, there will be a chance for the regeneration and reorganization of a Republican party in New Mexico, state and county, that will be true to the principles and traditions of Republicanism and that may have a long and useful career in promoting good government and civic purity.

## REPUBLICANS HAVE LIVELY SCRIMMAGE

For treasurer, Raymundo Romero, Torreon.

For clerk, Julian Salas, Encino.

For sheriff, Roman Tenorio, Pinos Wells.

For assessor, Feliciano Chavez y Salas, Willard.

For probate judge, Eligio Gutierrez.

For float representative, Librado Valencia, Duran.

For representative, Manuel Otero, Torreon.

For school superintendent, Chas. L. Burt.

For surveyor, R. A. Marble.

For commissioner 1st District, Jesus Candelaria, Tajique.

For commissioner 2nd District, Ponciano Sanchez, Abo.

For commissioner 3rd District, Melcor Luna, Pinos Wells.

Above is the ticket declared nominated by the Republicans at the county convention held here last Monday.

The convention was pretty evenly divided between the Romero combination and the opposition, but the former won by high-handed management amounting to counting out procedure, as charged by the opposition.

This resulted in a walk-out by a number of the leading men of the south and east part of the county, including such men as Cristino Chavez, Macario Torres, Tomas Bachicha, and others.

Congressman Hernandez arrived during the thickest of the melee, and it is said through his intervention a committee was sent after the bolters after they had started home, empowered to treat with them and try to bring them back. But they didn't come back.

The trouble started upon the organization of the convention, when the Romero forces won out by the election of a Mr. Speers, who works for the Willard Mercantile company at Encino, and who proved to be some shakes as a chairman and withal somewhat of a czar in that position.

Immediately a hand picked committee of ten was appointed to report to the convention a list of candidates. It was said that seven of this committee were aspirants for nominations by the convention.

Afterwards the point was made that this committee, having been appointed before the report of the committee on credentials, was therefore irregularly appointed and had no power to act. Also it was claimed that the committee was appointed merely to report a list of all those

who wished to come before the convention. However, the committee acted, and it took the opposite view of its functions—namely, that it was to report a list of the candidates that were to be nominated by the convention. In other words, it was to do the nominating and the convention was merely to ratify the job.

But it reported itself unable to agree as between Julian Salas and Pat Sanchez for the office of clerk. A vote was taken and declared by the chairman a tie. Then a delegate who seemed to be unsteady on his legs announced that he had made a mistake and wanted to change his vote; whereupon the chairman declared Mr. Salas nominated. Here is where the alleged counting out took place. Mr. Sanchez himself told the writer that he had a majority of four and was fairly nominated.

The convention left some sore spots that will scarcely heal before election day.

Some of the candidates are good men, but doubtless that was not intentional.

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## DEMOCRAT INDEPENDENTS NAME GOOD TICKET

For sheriff, Dee Robinson, Estancia.

For treasurer, Juan Cruz Sanchez, Manzano.

For assessor, D. C. Howell, Willard.

For probate judge, Esau B. Lopez, Torreon.

For clerk, Acasio Edw. Gallegos, Torreon.

For representative, H. J. Fincke, Moriarty.

For superintendent of schools, Reta B. Mathews, Estancia.

For surveyor, H. A. Ballard, Encino.

For commissioner, 1st District, H. V. Lipe, McIntosh.

For commissioner, 2nd District, August Kayser, Mountainair.

For commissioner, 3rd District, M. S. Sanchez, Duran.

Above is the ticket nominated Tuesday by the Democrats and Independent Republicans in joint convention.

A. A. Hine was chairman and Ralph Roberson was secretary of the Democratic convention.

There was a great deal of speech making, which elicited much applause.

Apparently the work of the

convention was without ill feeling, although there were several spirited contests, notably that on sheriff, in which there were three candidates—T. L. Capt. Carl Custer and Dee Robinson. The final ballot was between Robinson and Capt. and was very close; as reported to us, 21 for Capt and 23 for Robinson.

All candidates were nominated and voted for in open convention. Jose S. y Vigil was chairman and Antonio Candelaria secretary of the Independent convention.

The latter reported the candidates nominated by them to the Democratic convention, and they were taken up one by one and nominated by the Democrats. They nominated clerk, probate judge, representative, superintendent, surveyor and commissioner in the second district, and the Democrats nominated the others.

The Democrats passed the following resolutions:

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows:

We endorse President Wilson's administration from the day of his administration to the present time. He has been faithful to every charge imposed upon him, and true to the people of the United States as a whole regardless of party. And we also declare him not only the greatest man in the United States but the greatest man in the world. And we feel confident that on the 7th day of November, he will receive not only the full endorsement of the Democrat party but thousands of the better element of the Republican party. That he has steered the Ship of State through the turbulent waters of discontent, malice and falsehood of the leaders of the opposing party.

We endorse fully the governor of New Mexico in his efforts to serve the people in general. And we endorse his administration and the efforts of his co-laborers in the discharge of their official duties. And we urge upon all democrats and all people who have the good of the country at heart, and all citizens regardless of party who believe in a just and equitable administration of public affairs to join us in the election of the democratic state ticket, a ticket which needs no apology, whose nominees are without blemish.

Our nominee for the United States Senate, A. A. Jones, we unqualifiedly endorse as being a man of first class ability and a man whose character is without spot or blemish; who is neither controlled nor dictated to by any ring or faction.

We heartily pledge our full support to the nominees of this convention, who stand for economy in county affairs, and honesty in the carrying out of party pledges and the business of the people.

Very little fault can be found with the ticket.

Dee Robinson has been deputy sheriff for the past nearly five years, and no word of complaint has ever been made of the manner in which he has handled the business. He is a good citizen, an absolutely clean man in every respect, and we know by what he has done that he will make an excellent officer if elected.

Dixie Howell has filled the office of assessor in years past, and every person in Torrance county is his personal friend. He has been deputy part of the time during the current term, and of course is thoroughly familiar with the duties of the office, which it is unnecessary to say he will discharge with ability and scrupulous fidelity if elected.

Ed Gallegos is a fine young man, of irreproachable habits, uses neither liquor nor tobacco, is genial and quiet in his manners and makes friends wherever he goes. He attended the state university two terms and the Silver City Normal two terms, fitting himself for a teacher. He speaks both Spanish and English fluently, and is well qualified

in every way for the office.

Mrs. Mathews is a leading educator of the county. She has devoted her life to teaching and is admirably fitted to be superintendent of schools. She speaks both languages fluently—a very desirable accomplishment in this office. She would make an ideal school superintendent.

Juan C. Sanchez is finishing a service of five years in the office of county commissioner, where he has become familiar with county business, and thus would bring to the office of county treasurer full knowledge of its requirements. He is a man of the strictest integrity, honorable and upright in all his dealings and in every relation of life. In short, he is an absolutely dependable man. The county treasury could not be placed in safer hands.

Esau B. Lopez is an intelligent, well educated man, popular in his own community, where he has served as justice of the peace. He is as well fitted for the office of probate judge as a man can be who has not had legal training, and will make a good officer. He speaks good English, and of course speaks Spanish well.

Harry Fincke everybody knows, and everybody also knows that if he is sent to the legislature he will not take orders from some boss, but will vote in the interests of the people. He is editor of the Moriarty Messenger. He will make a good legislator, and the voters should see to it that he is elected.

Mr. Ballard is not known to the writer, but is vouched for as a good man in every way, and thoroughly competent as a surveyor.

Herman Lipe is a farmer and business man, familiar with business methods, bright and alert, has a mind of his own, and would serve the people well in the office of county commissioner. They will get an honest, conscientious, faithful public servant if they elect him.

Mr. Kayser we do not know personally, but he is vouched for by dozens as a man of unusual attainments for a farmer, keen and alert, of good, sound judgment, upright and highly respected by all who know him—a good kind of man to have on the board of commissioners.

Mr. Sanchez is a young man, well educated, trained in county business by service in Guadalupe county as deputy assessor and also by work in other county offices, and would bring to the office of commissioner perfect familiarity with all phases of county business.

It would be hard to find a better bunch of candidates than these.

The Democrats and Independents have done well, and deserve to have their ticket elected—every man—and woman.

Having elsewhere made the suggestion that Republicans ought to vote the Democratic ticket in county and state this year, attention of the Republican voters is called to the fact that both state and county tickets have upon them the names of a number of Republicans. In each case a convention of Independent Republicans who had revolted from gang rule, nominated a number of candidates who were afterward endorsed and nominated by the Democratic conventions.

If any Democratic or Independent Republican voter is disposed to feel dissatisfied with the ticket nominated by those parties, all he has to do to be fully reconciled is to look at the Republican ticket.

### \$5 REWARD

For return of blocky bay mare mule, several brands on left side, two white collar marks on point of shoulders.—R. P. McClintock.

W. W. Wagner's colt show has been postponed. See notice elsewhere.